



**SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT
AGENDA**

DATE-----February 20, 2024

PLACE-----Saline County Courthouse, Courtroom #3

6:30 P.M.-----Call Meeting to Order

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CLERK: Call the Roll

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REPORTS/PROCLAMATIONS:

Report: Project update – Saline County Public Water Authority

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Exhibit A: Ordinance to Establish a Daily Inmate Rate for the Saline County Detention Center

Exhibit B: Appropriation Ordinance Amending the 2024 Saline County Budget Ordinance No. 2023-30

Exhibit C: Appropriation Ordinance Amending the 2023 Saline County Budget Ordinance No. 2022-36

ADD ON:

Exhibit D: Resolution Expressing the Willingness of Saline County to Utilize Federal TAP Grant Funds for the Old River Bridge Construction Project

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT.

**SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT
MINUTES
JANUARY 22, 2024**

The Saline County Quorum Court met on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in Courtroom #3 in the Saline County Courthouse. This meeting was originally scheduled for January 18 but was delayed due to inclement weather. County Judge Matt Brumley called the meeting to order. Justice of the Peace Jim Whitley gave the invocation and Justice of the Peace Ed Albares led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken with 10 members present. District 12 is currently vacant.

Motion by Carlton Billingsley and seconded by Barbara Howell to approve the Minutes from the December 18, 2023 Quorum Court Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

REPORTS/PROCLAMATIONS:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Exhibit "A": Motion by Barbara Howell and seconded by Pat Bisbee to approve Appropriation Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of Sheriff's Department Vehicle to the City of Shannon Hills, Arkansas. Roll call vote; motion approved unanimously. Roll call vote; motion approved unanimously. Ordinance 2024-1.

Motion by Barbara Howell and seconded by Clint Chism to suspend the rules and read title only of Exhibit "B". Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Exhibit "B": Motion by Barbara Howell and seconded by Clint Chism to approve Appropriation Ordinance Establishing Rate of Compensation for Saline County Election Commissioners. Roll call vote; motion approved unanimously. Ordinance 2024-2.

Motion by Pat Bisbee and seconded by Barbara Howell to suspend the rules and read title only of Exhibit "C". Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Exhibit "C": Motion by Pat Bisbee and seconded by Barbara Howell to approve Ordinance amending 2023 Saline County Budget Ord. 2022-36. Roll call vote; motion approved unanimously. Ordinance 2024-3.

Motion by Pat Bisbee and seconded Keith Keck to suspend the rules and add Exhibits "D" through "K" to the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Josh Curtis and seconded by Keith Keck to suspend the rules and read title only of Exhibits "D" through "K". Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

ADD ON:

Exhibit "D": Motion by Jim Whitley and seconded Justin Rue to approve Resolution Expressing Willingness of Saline County to Utilize Federal Funds for the Replacement of the South Springlake Road Bridge. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Resolution 2024-1.

Exhibit "E": Motion by Jim Whitley and seconded Justin Rue to approve Resolution Expressing Willingness of Saline County to Utilize Federal Funds for the Replacement of the Sulphur Springs Road Bridge. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Resolution 2024-2.

Exhibit "F": Motion by Jim Whitley and seconded Justin Rue to approve Resolution Expressing Willingness of Saline County to Utilize Federal Funds for the Replacement of the Goose Pond Road Bridge. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Resolution 2024-3.

Exhibit "G": Motion by Jim Whitley and seconded Justin Rue to approve Resolution Expressing Willingness of Saline County to Utilize Federal Funds for the Replacement of the Ziegler Road Bridge. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Resolution 2024-4.

Exhibit "H": Motion by Jim Whitley and seconded Justin Rue to approve Resolution Expressing Willingness of Saline County to Utilize Federal Funds for the Replacement of the Mt. Ida Road Bridge. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Resolution 2024-5.

Exhibit "I": Motion by Jim Whitley and seconded Justin Rue to approve Resolution Expressing Willingness of Saline County to Utilize Federal Funds for the Replacement of the Unity Road Bridge. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Resolution 2024-6.

Exhibit "J": Motion by Jim Whitley and seconded Justin Rue to approve Resolution Expressing Willingness of Saline County to Utilize Federal Funds for the Replacement of the Danville Road Cedar Creek Bridge. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Resolution 2024-7.

Exhibit "K": Motion by Jim Whitley and seconded Justin Rue to approve Resolution Expressing Willingness of Saline County to Utilize Federal Funds for the Replacement of the Danville Road Middle Fork Bridge. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. 2024-8.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Judge Brumley announced that there would be a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Old River Bridge on February 28, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE

Carlton Billingsley recognized the Saline County Office of Emergency Management, Road Department, Sheriff's Office, and all who had assisted throughout the winter weather.

Motion made by Justin Rue and seconded by Pat Bisbee to adjourn meeting. Motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - _____

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

"AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE DAILY RATE FEE FOR FISCAL AND CALENDAR YEAR 2024 TO BE CHARGED TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR KEEPING INMATES OF MUNICIPALITIES IN THE SALINE COUNTY DETENTION CENTER FACILITY."

WHEREAS, under Ark. Code Ann. § 12-41-506, in the absence of in the absence of an agreement on jail costs between a county and all municipalities having law enforcement agencies in the county, the quorum court is authorized to establish, by ordinance, a daily fee to charge municipalities for keeping prisoners of municipalities in the county jail; and

WHEREAS, as set forth in Ark. Code Ann. § 12-41-506, the fee established for keeping municipal prisoners must be based upon the reasonable expenses which the county incurs in keeping such prisoners; and

WHEREAS, Act 120 of the 2019 General Session requires the Association of Arkansas Counties to compile and submit a Local Government Inmate Cost Report to the Arkansas Legislative Council to determine the total daily cost incurred by county jails for using inmates; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. §§ 12-41-503 and 12-41-506, the Quorum Court is authorized to establish a daily fee, based on the reasonable expenses incurred and charge that daily rate to municipalities for each inmate; and

WHEREAS, the revenues from the municipalities are essential for the continued maintenance and operation of the Saline County Detention Center; and

WHEREAS, the Saline County Quorum Court acknowledges that failure to properly bill municipalities for keeping prisoners of municipalities in the county jail may negatively impact the county's ability to address the maintenance needs of the Saline County Detention Center; and

WHEREAS, the Saline County Quorum Court acknowledges that the daily fee for fiscal year 2024 will not include a separate charge for receiving municipal prisoners and will adopt the daily fee for housing municipal prisoners in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. §§ 12-41-503 and 12-41-506.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF SALINE, STATE OF ARKANSAS, THAT:

Article 1. For fiscal year 2024, each municipality shall be charged \$55.97 per prisoner of the municipality, for each day kept, so long as the prisoner meets the definition of a "prisoner of a municipality," as defined by Arkansas law.

EXHIBIT "A"

Article 2. The daily rate shall be billed in full for each day that the inmate is kept in custody of the Sheriff's Office as a detainee. The daily rate shall not be prorated based on keeping an inmate for a portion of a day.

Article 3. The municipality or municipalities for which an inmate is held shall be billed the full daily rate for the first day, regardless of the time of day custody of the inmate is transferred to the Sheriff's Office.

Article 4. The municipality or municipalities for which an inmate is held shall be billed the full daily rate for each day after the first day if the inmate is present during the daily data census count of the Saline County Detention Center conducted by the Saline County Sheriff's Office.

Article 5. SEVERABILITY: If any part of this Ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

Article 6. REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Article 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It being necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Saline County, Arkansas, an emergency is hereby declared to exist. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon signature.

DATE: February 20, 2023

APPROVED: _____
MATT BRUMLEY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: JOSH CURTIS, JP DISTRICT #7

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - ____

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2024 SALINE COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 2023-30; TO APPROPRIATE/TRANSFER FUNDS THEREFORE TO THE VARIOUS BUDGETS; AND, FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office is needing to replace and add to the ballistic equipment for the Sheriff's Special Response Team (SRT). The Sheriff would like to use his Fund 3402 – Sheriff's 10% Retention Fund to replace this equipment and requests to transfer funds in that budget (Article 1); and,

WHEREAS, with the change in the Treasurer's Office salaries, the changes were not saved in the software system for other line items in the Treasurer's Automation Fund. The Finance Department requests to appropriate funds in Fund 3000 – Treasurer's Automation Fund budget (Article 2); and,

WHEREAS, Finance Committee previously met and approved this request.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUOURM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

Article 1. That the sum of \$70,000.00 is hereby transferred in Fund 3402 – Sheriff's 10% Retention Fund budget as follows:

Transfer From	Description	Transfer To	Description	Amount
3402.0400.4005	Vehicles	3402.0400.2002	Small Equipment	\$60,000.00
3402.0400.4005	Vehicles	3402.0400.4004	Capt. Outlay – Equip.	\$10,000.00

Article 2. That the sum of \$46,250.00 is hereby appropriated in Funds 3000 – Treasurer's Automation Fund budget and anticipated revenues increased as follows:

Line Item	Description	Amount
3000.0103.1005	Overtime	\$1,000.00
3000.0103.2001	General Supplies	\$3,000.00
3000.0103.2002	Small Equipment	\$1,000.00
3000.0103.2020	Building Materials & Supplies	\$1,000.00
3000.0103.2024	Maint & Serv Contracts	\$500.00
3000.0103.3003	Computer Services	\$100.00
3000.0103.3030	Travel	\$250.00
3000.0103.3071	Rent-Machinery & Equip.	\$500.00
3000.0103.3090	Dues, Subscriptions, Memberships	\$100.00
3000.0103.3100	Other Miscellaneous	\$400.00
3000.0103.3102	Computer Software & Support	\$37,500.00
3000.0103.4004	Capital Outlay-Machinery & Equip.	\$900.00
3000.8401	Treasurer's Commissions	\$14,000.00

Article 3. It is deemed necessary for the smooth operation of Saline County Government that this ordinance be approved. It has been approved by Saline County Human Resources Committee and Finance Committee on February 5, 2024 and recorded in the minutes.

DATE: FEBRUARY 20, 2024

APPROVED _____
MATT BRUMLEY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: BARBARA HOWELL, JP DISTRICT #4

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - _____

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2023 SALINE COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 2022-36; ANTICIPATE REVENUE AND TO APPROPRIATE/TRANSFER FUNDS THEREFORE TO THE VARIOUS BUDGETS; AND, FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

WHEREAS, the Coroner requests to transfer and appropriate funds in Fund 1000 County General Fund, Coroner (0419) Department budget for medical drug testing expenses line item (Article 1); and,

WHEREAS, the County Airport Commission requests to appropriate funds in Fund 3416 Airport Special Projects Fund for the emergency repair/replacement for the fuel pump. The Airport was able to file for a 2023 State Grant for this repair/replacement, but the Airport had to upfront the cost and will file for reimbursement (Article 2); and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUOURM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

Article 1. That the sum of \$75.00 is hereby transferred in the County General Fund, Coroner Department budget and appropriated as follows:

Transfer From	Description	Transfer To	Description	Amount
1000.0419.3021	Postage	1000.0419.3006	Medical Testing	\$75.00

Article 2. That the sum of \$54,942.55 is hereby appropriated in Fund 3416 Airport Special Projects Fund budget as follows:

Line Item	Description	Amount
3416.0900.4003	Capt Outlay-Improvements	\$54,942.55

Article 26. It is deemed necessary for the smooth operation of Saline County Government that this ordinance be approved.

DATE: FEBRUARY 20, 2024

APPROVED _____
MATT BRUMLEY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: BARBARA HOWELL, JP DISTRICT #4

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - _____

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS,
A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED:

**"A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF SALINE COUNTY TO UTILIZE
FEDERAL-AID SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS."**

WHEREAS, Saline County understands the Federal-aid Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds are available at 80% federal participation and 20% local match to develop or improve the Southwest Trail; and

WHEREAS, Saline County is currently in the Third and final Phase of the Old River Bridge Project, which involves the construction and reinstallation of the Old River Bridge; and

WHEREAS, The County is currently in contract with Mobley Contractors for Phase Three of the Project, with construction planned to begin this month, and said contract price with Mobley Contractors for Phase Three of the Project is \$4,423,976.76, of which the County is responsible for a cost overrun of \$872,934.79 that is not already obligated as match for grant funding.

WHEREAS, Saline County understands the Federal-aid Funds are available for this project on a reimbursable basis, requiring work to be accomplished and proof of payment prior to actual money reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, this project, using federal funding, will be open and available for use by the general public and maintained by the applicant for the life of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 1. Saline County will participate in accordance with its designated responsibility, including maintenance of this project.

Article 2. Saline County Judge Matt Brumley is hereby authorized and directed to execute all appropriate agreements and contracts necessary to expedite the construction of the above stated project.

Article 3. Saline County pledges its full support and hereby authorizes the Arkansas Department of Transportation to initiate action to implement this project

DATE: FEBRUARY 20, 2024

APPROVED _____
MATT BRUMLEY
SALINE COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: _____
DOUG CURTIS
SALINE COUNTY CLERK